

FORMER PRESIDENT OF CHINA A CAPTIVE

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(Correspondence of the Associated Press)
PEKING—Li Yuan-hung, once President of the Chinese Republic, possesses today less power here than the lowliest coolie. He is a prisoner in the capital of the land over which he once ruled, and for the first time in many years he holds no office; and except for that of Prince Wu Yi, he holds no title.

It is Li Yuan-hung's desire to leave Peking and seek rest in Tientsin, but the Government has repeatedly denied this request. Premier Tuan Chi-jui and Acting President Feng Kwo-chang apparently have no intention of allowing the veteran warrior to depart for any settlement where he would be in a position to communicate with the revolutionists in the south. The Government is said to realize how potent the name of Li Yuan-hung would be were he to be made President of a southern Republic such as Sun Yat-sen, Tang Shao-yi, C. T. Wang and other Kuomintang leaders are endeavoring to establish in Canton.

Since he surrendered the presidency a month ago and allowed General Chang Hsun to take over the central government, Li Yuan-hung has divided his time between the French Hospital and his home in the Tartar City, without the walls of the Forbidden City. He also took refuge for a short time in Japanese Legation and he handsomely rewarded the Japanese soldiers and officers who protected him in the trying period when the Republicans were ousting the boy emperor, Hsuan Tung, and overthrowing the short-lived monarchy set up by Chang Hsun.

Li Yuan-hung's illness was not serious enough to make his retirement to the hospital necessary. But the French Hospital is in the Legation Quarter. It is under the protection of the foreign guards. And Li Yuan-hung was not the only Chinese who was ailing at the time conditions were so unsettled outside of the foreign settlement. Hotels, hospitals, legations and private houses within the Legation Quarter were filled to overflowing when Tuan

Chijui's troops moved against Peking on July 12.

During the years that Li Yuan-hung served as vice-president under Yuan Shih-kai his position was much the same that it is at present. It is true he then held the title of vice-president, but it was a shallow honor. He had no power. He had no freedom. Most of those years were passed in an isolated palace on an island in the Forbidden City. He was seldom permitted to leave the walled compound. No visitors saw him without the permission of the all-powered Yuan Shih-kai, who lived on the mainland in a palace Li Yuan-hung could see across the lotus-covered lake.

The central government's power today apparently grows stronger every hour. It has the support of the great foreign powers. They have no thought of recognizing a struggling band of parliamentarians in the south who have only the lukewarm support of the provinces south of the Yang-tze.

Defoe on Library War Council.
Dr. L. M. Defoe, a member of the faculty of the School of Engineering of the University has been appointed a member of the state library war council. The council was named by Governor Gardner at the request of Secretary of War Baker and Secretary of Navy Daniels.

BILLIARD MATCH THIS WEEK

Layton and Ricketts Will Play Exhibition Contest.

Arrangements have been completed for a 450 ball pocket billiard match between John Layton, former world's pocket billiard champion, and W. D. Ricketts of Rochester, N. Y., at Booche's Billiard Rooms tomorrow and Tuesday. Three blocks of 150 balls each will be played. The first two blocks will be played at 2:15 o'clock Monday afternoon and 8:15 o'clock Monday evening. The final block will be run off Tuesday afternoon. A special 50-point game of 3-cushion billiards will be played also between the two Tuesday afternoon. Ricketts was at one time a partner of Jerome Keough, a former champion, and has beaten Weston, Houston, Keough, Ralph, Clearwater, Blankenship and Tabreski. Layton defeated Blankenship in Chicago a year ago for the title and was then beaten by Tabreski.

Still Owe On Boone Tavern.

The committee of business men, which has been soliciting subscriptions, has raised half of the \$900 the people of Columbia owe on the Boone Tavern. At a meeting of the committee in charge Friday night plans were discussed for obtaining the rest of the money.

150 AT WATERMELON FEED

Coach H. F. Schulte and Student Officers Give Talks.

More than 150 freshmen gathered at the Y. M. C. A. last night for the "watermelon feed" and get-together meeting marking the close of the week of open houses held this week.

Coach H. F. Schulte spoke to the new students concerning the athletic year at the University, urging cooperation of all in making this year another banner season for Missouri. Short talks were also made by H. R. Fuller, president of the Student Senate and Nathan Scarritt, president of the Y. M. C. A. board.

A series of meetings extending over the next month has been arranged by the Y. M. C. A. On September 18 a meeting for the discussion of the employment question will be held and on September 22 the annual reception to new men will take place. President A. Ross Hill of the University and the deans will be the hosts at the reception.

The Sunday Sunset Club will meet in the lobby of the building on September 23 and on September 29 the annual stag will be given. October 14 will be Student Sunday in the Columbia churches.

Stephens College Announcement.

Students from Columbia and from the University who are planning to take courses in any of the departments at Stephens College may now enroll. The following departments are open to special students: Conservatory of Music; Expression Department; Art Department; Physical Education De-

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